## INJURY THREATENED INDEPENDENT SERVICE.

B. Noyes, as president of said associa-tion, which statement was as follows: "THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

The annual meeting of The Asso ciated Press (New York corporation)
which by the by-laws is fixed for Sept. be necessarily adjourned to a later date, of which due notice will be given hereafter. It has been found that the details incident to the perfection of the organization and the commencement of its news service are of such a character as to render it impossible to complete them in the time available before next Wednesday. A number of the newspapers served by The Associated Press of Illinois have not as yet forwarded their applications, and it will facilitate matters to have them in hand

FRANK B. NOTES, President." During a recess in the meeting of stockholders of said corporation on September 12, 1900, a convention of the publishers of newspapers on the membership roll of said corporation was held to consider the effect upon their interests of pending changes in arrangements for the collection and distribution of the news; that at such convention a large number of the six hundred and seventy members of said corporation were represented either personally or by parties empowered to look after their interests. H. W. Scott of the Portland, Ore., Oregonian presided. By the selec-

tion of three members from each of the four divisions into which the country was by said corporation divided for news service the following special committee was appointed (the chairman of the convention being an ex officio member) with instructions to investigate and

report existing conditions.

Eastern Division—F. E. Whiting, Boston. Mass., Herold; F. D. White, New York World; H. J. Ford, Pittsburg, Pa., Chronicle-Telegraph.
Central Division-M. D. Munn, St.

Paul, Minn., Despatch; H. H. Kohlsaat, Chicago, Times-Herald; John Hicks, Oshkosh, Wis., Northwestern. Southern Division—D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte, N. C., Observer; T. G. Rapier, New Orleans, Picayane; F. B. Noyes,

Washington, D. C., Star.
Western Division—V. S. McClatchey, Sacramento, Cal., Bec. E. C. Hughes, Seattle, Wash., Post-Intelligencer; P. H. Lannan, Salt Lake, Utah, Tribune. Said committee reported to said con-

vention practically as follows: 1. That the most important elements of value in a news service could no longer be maintained under court decisions, through membership in The Associated Press of Illinois.
2. That while it would take a long

of The Associated Press of Illinois, it

would protect news rights better than to said association, and said

judge whether news rights could be corporation were released from all ob-

Your petitioner further shows that tively. said report, after discussion, was unanimously adopted by said convention. said corporation under existing concation by telegraph that the annual meeting of the said association would be adjourned to a date of which suffi-cient notice would be given, thus allowing time for the committee to discharge its duties effectually and to advise members of said corporation by mail accordance with its instructions. In this notice was a request for a criticism and suggestion regarding the New York by-laws. On September 21, 1900, said committee, after repeated conferences with the directors of said association and with the knowledge and approval f said directors, sent to all members of said corporation a printed report, a copy of which, omitting some introductory statements, is hereto appended and marked Exhibit "F."

On September 20, 1900, there were publishers of all the newspapers on the membership roll of said corporation two statements, one over the signature of Charles W. Knapp, the then president of said corporation, the other over the signature of Frank B. Noyes, the then president of said association, which

statements are as follows:

In execution of instructions given by stockholders of THE ASSOCIATED In execution of instructions given by the stockholders of THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, conveyed in various resolutions adopted at their meeting in Chicago, on September 13th, the Board of Directors have arranged to wind up the affairs of the association, and to sell and transfer its assets to the corporation organised under the laws of the State of New York, and known as THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Assurance has been given the Board in a satisfactory form that THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, of New York, will purchase and take over the assets of the Illinois corporation, and furnish an adeillinois corporation, and furnish an adeillinois corporation of the satisfactory form that THE association, so that said association and conspiracy, the general manager of the Associated Press sent a manager of the Associated Press to discontinue the purchase of news.

In July, 1898, the New York Journation and conspiracy, the general manager of the Associated Press sent a manager of the Associated Press to discontinue the purchase of news. ment of all liabilities for which the as-sociation, its officers or its members may be responsible. The Boards of the two associations have also arranged that the

rangement will be communicated to the by its by-laws is \$150,000, and prior to continued to obtain a portion of its recited, make an investigation if you stockholders at an early date.

November 21, 1900, more than \$120,000 news by wire from New York.

CHARLES W. KNAPP, worth of said bonds had been issued In December, 1909, the Detroit Free tute such proceedings, civil or criminal.

President, The Associated Press.
NOTICE.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS (New York corporation) will begin the service of news to all who have qualified as mem-bers, at midnight of September 30, 1900. bers, at midnight of September 30, 1900. To qualify it is necessary that the appli-cation for membership be sent at once in order that the applicant may be duly

A general meeting of the members of the New York corporation for the elec-tion of directors will be held in the City of New York in the near future, and due FRANK B. NOYES, President.

On September 21, 1900, there was rporation, a statement which was in the words and figures following, to wit:
"CONFIDENTIAL TO MEMBERS OF
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

"NEW York, September 21.—In view of the early discontinuance of the news report of the Associated Press, the Board of Directors has authorized the Genera Manager to cancel the membership contracts of all members making request to that effect. Upon application of a mem-ber and presentation of the membership contract, it will be duly indersed as cancelled, and the member will be release from all obligation thereunder. It is de-sirable that all the membership contracts should be cancelled, the stockholders hav-ing ordered the Board of Directors to wind ing ordered the Board of Directors to wind up the affairs of the corporation. The con-tracts should be forwarded at once to Charles S. Diehl at the Chicago office, so that the liabilities of the members there-under may terminate at the time their new obligations as members of the New York

corporation begin.
"It can be stated for the information of "It can be stated for the information of all who are interested that the claim of the Inter Ocean Publishing Company, for which a suit for damages is pending in the Illinois courts, has been amicably adjusted by arbitration, awarding a payment in final settlement. As a part of this settlement the Inter Ocean Publishing Company has agreed to dismiss all suits which it has instituted against the Associated Press and its officers. Satisfactory arrangements have also been made with the New York Sun for the dismissal of all suits which it has heretofore begun against the assoit has heretofore begun against the asso-

'The New York papers, members of the Illinois corporation, decided unanimously at a meeting held to-day to become mem-bers of the New York corporation, and there is every indication that the same course will be followed uniformly by all the members of the Illinois association. so that there will be no histus in their news service when the report of the Illi-nois association stops at midnight on Sunday, September 30.

"CHARLES W. KNAPP, President." Prior to September 30, 1900, all the stockholders and members of said cortime legally to wind up the existence poration had become members of said corporation with the exception of less could be done without imposing further than 1 per cent. of the members of said stockholders' liabilities; and that the corporation. The membership of said interests of members, as regards a association is now practically idennews service, could meanwhile be protected by cooperation in a new organicorporation prior to September 30, 1900; the said corporation on or 3. That under the laws of New York September 30, 1900, transferred all its an association could be formed which assets of every nature and description could be done in Illinois, and as well as clation, in consideration thereof, ascould be done in any other State.

4. That The Associated Press. or every nature and description.
ganized under the laws of New York is a legal corporation, but that the comlegal corporation, but that the committee had not been enabled to make tically all members of said corporation such examination of its by-laws as to were cancelled, and the members of said

ligations under said contracts respec-Your petitioner further shows that the said Melville E. Stone shortly after The convention adjourned on September 13, to meet again in New York elected secretary and general manager on September 18, instructing the said of said association. Since Septemfull report upon the advisability of join- and said Charles S. Diehl has acted ing the said association, together with until within a few years as assistant such alterations of the by-laws thereof general manager of said association. as might seem wise, and advise as to the latter with headquarters at the liabilities, if any, of members of Chicago. Said Stone, as such general manager, took into the service of tracts. The committee sent out said association the entire corps of em-from Chicago. on September 14, notifi-ployees of said corporation; the offices of

the United States were retained as the Upon the termination of the news service of said corporation at midnight on September 30, 1900, the said associaon September 30, 1900, the said associa-tion, without a second's interruption of the Globe Democrat, St. Leuis, Mo., service, took up the said corporation's were notified by the manager of the business of furnishing news to the newspapers of the United States; and service from the undersigned. A copy since it began said news service as of the letter of Melville E. Stone, gen-

news service in exactly the same way and using exactly the same instrumencontemporaneously transmitted to the talities and methods of every description for gathering and transmitting news as prior to midnight on Septemher 20, 1900, had been done by the said corporation. The extent and character and comprehensiveness of the news gathered and furnished by said association have not decreased in com-CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION parison with the news gathered and furnished by said corporation, but have, ditions hereinabove set forth which

quate and complete service of news to all since it began its news service as of which is its members immediately upon the discontinuance of the service new rendered.

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The Boards of the Illinois and New immediately upon the discontinuance of the service as of which is in the service as of the service as of which is in the service as of which is in the service as of the service as of which is in the service as of Tork corporations have entered into a buying and vending news for publication in the newspapers of the United the Sun News Bureau service, formerly ment of all liabilities of assets covering the full pay-States, and a public interest is engrafted upon the business of said association. All the conditions here-inabove set forth which prior to was notified to "remove the operator September 30, 1900, made newspapers and special wire of the Laffan from the should report of the Illinois corporation shall stop at midnight on Sunday, September 30th, and the news report of the New York association shall begin on the stop at midnight on the stop at midnight on Sunday, September 30th, and the news report of the New York association shall begin on the stop of the same day and at the same hour. In view to exist since September 30, 1900, and of the early date at which the Illinois now exist and make the newspapers pubnow exist and make the newspapers pub-lished in the United States, unless pub-

said association has been since said aland carrying on trade and commerce between the several States and Territories.

Your petitioner further shows that at a meeting of the members of said asso-ciation on November 21, 1900, held at the City of New York, those of said members who under Article XII., section transmitted to the publishers of all the were entitled to vote thereon, elected a newspapers on the membership roll of board of fifteen directors of said assosaid corporation through the ordinary clation; that said directors thereupon news transmitting channels of said corporation, over the signature of Charles to be president, Melville E. Stone to W. Knapp, the then president of said be secretary, and Charles S. Diehl to be assistant secretary of said associa-

REFUSAL OF ASSOCIATED PRESS TO SELL NEWS TO THE SUN. Your petitioner further shows that on the twenty-third day of April, 1913, and publication in its said newspapers, being ready and willing and offering to pay to said association for the news service such reasonable compensation as may at any time be charged by such assosame service or such compensation as was fair and reasonable, but said association refused and still refuses to furnish the undersigned with any news

hibit "D." Not only has the Associated Press. with a view of destroying THE SUN and its news bureau, refused to sell news of the United States, but it has in its sale of news attempted for many years o become a member of the association, but as aforesaid with a view of destroy-ing its largest and most effective competitor. For this purpose the said as-sociation adopted a by-law which is either in force or if nominally abrogated is yet a part of the working arrange-ment of the said Associated Press and a part of the common understanding and contracts with its members, which reads as follows:

"No member of the association shall receive news from any person, firm or corporation which shall have been de-clared by the board of directors or the stockholders to be antagonistic to the corporation.'

The Associated Press has declared the undersigned to be antagonistic, and whenever it ascertains that any newspaper is buying or attempting to buy the special news of the undersigned or iling or attempting to sell its news to the undersigned, the board of directors of the Associated Press threatens to discipline or in fact does discipline the offending newspaper.

between the undersigned and members of the Associated Press does not inter-fere and could not interfere with the many interests or existing contracts of the Associated Press. Those who desire to buy news from or sell news to the undersigned have no wish to discontinue their long time contracts with the Associated Press, but simply wish to add to heir value as organs of public opinion by obtaining all the news of the day.

SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF BOYCOTT PLACED UPON "THE SUN." any specific instances of the unlawsubmit at that time, and to send also by and continuously performed the duties ful and malicious boycott which the mail to members of said corporation, a of general manager of said association, the undersigned for a number of years could be given. The undersigned hereinafter refers to some of these instances, and cases have been selected over a long period of years, to show the continuous character of the boycott.

ployees of said corporation; the to print a cable of foreign news sent to offices of said corporation throughout the undersigned. The Associated Press to print a cable of foreign news sent to promptly notified that newspaper that said association; said such purchase of the news would be in association succeeded on September 30, violation of its so-called franchise and 1900, to all the rights and obligations of threatened a suit to enjoin the Chicago said corporation under its contracts for Tribune from printing the news of the the furnishing and exchange of news world as transmitted by the undersigned. with news agencies of the Old World. As a result the Chicago Tribune declined

Associated Press not to take any news aforesaid and down to the present time eral manager of the Associated Press, is it he continuously furnished such hereto appended and marked Exhibit threat, discontinued its relations as a purchaser of news with the undersigned. A copy of a similar notice to the Chicago Tribunc, under date June 21, 1897, is also hereto appended, marked exhibit "H." Under like coercion the Chicago Tribune discontinued its purchase of news from THE SUN.

In June, 1896, under a similar coercion, the Cincinnati Tribune discontinued such relations with the undersigned. In April, 1897, the Philadelphia Record, the Boston Globe and the Rochester

of which is hereto appended and marked

Prior to December, 1909, the Pittsdiately upon this fact becoming known publication office of the Post"; and the Pittsburg Post was compelled, under like coercion, to take out the wire of the Sun News Bureau from the office of the Post.

In December, 1909, the Boston Herald, association will discontinue its news report, all its members are earnestly urged in one of the large cities of in immediately complete the necessary arrangements for securing the news from the New York association, to which end association.

The entire authorized capital stock of said corporation with rights and privileges as nearly as practicable exactly the same as those they now enjoy.

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It has also arranged for the purchase at tion and a working capital by the sale par of all stock held by stockholders of THE ASSOCIATED PRIESS, of Illinois, and the details as to the manner in which stock will be redsemed under this ar- of bends of said association authorized.

Your petitioner further shows that arrangement with the undersigned to tively carry into effect the act of July 1, obtain a portion of its news, was notified leged "reorganization" and still is doing by Charles S. Diehl, the assistant gen- SUN PRINTING AND PUBLISHING business under the name of "The Asso-clated Press" and that it is engaged in that it, the said Detroit Free Press, could not maintain an operator in its building to receive and transcribe the news purchased from the undersigned, and as a result the wire of the Sun bureau was taken out of the Free Press

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ASSOCIATION.

Counsel.

CONGRESS ON SUN'S SUIT.

Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- Members

Congress are showing keen interest in

the complaint filed by THE SUN with the

Attorney-General asking him to begin

proceedings under the Sherman anti-trust

law against the Associated Press. Re-

quests from leaders of Congress for copies

of the complaint are being received daily

by THE SUN correspondent and in other

Many members of Congress agree with

and distributing of news constitute in-

if the collection and distribution of news

does not fall within the present law ade-

quate legislation should be enacted with-

out delay. In fact the issue raised by

THE SUN IS likely to lead to a con-

siderable discussion of the question at the

The features of THE SUN's complaint

that have interested members of Congress

most are the charges of undue restraint

wires from their offices. Many members

of Congress have no hesttancy in saying

that if these allegations are sustained

Recalls Glaring Abuses

tives object to expressing their opinions

For obvious reasons many Representa-

"I can recall glaring abuses by the

comes under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Certainly that commission could stop the

Surpfised by Dictatorial Methods.

that the complaint cannot be considered under the Sherman law, or that there is no apparent violation of it I would sug-gest an amendment to put an end to the

"Obviously a Monopoly."

mittee whose name is withheld by re-quest said: "There are many members of Congress

the third paper never was started."
Representative William H. Hinebaugh
of Illinois said:
"If it be true that the Associated Press

ishment, then that is clearly a violation of the spirit and letter of the Sherman anti-trust law. The charges made in the brief filed by The Sun with the Department of

filed by The Sun with the Department of Justice certainly warrant such investigation by the Attorney-General and action by the Government as will establish the truth or faisity of the charges made.

"If they are found to be true the Government is in duty bound to destroy the monopoly maintained by the Associated Press. There could be no more dangerous form of monopoly than that which con-

form of monopoly than that which controls or attempts to control the publication of news, which of course means an unwinelesome obstacle in the cherished policy of 'freedom of the press.'

Wishes "The Sun" Success.

"I wish THE SUN every success in its

Another member of the Judiciary Com-

practice.

present session of Congress.

law.

of boycott.

alleged boycott.

ways the interest is apparent.

Members Discuss Best Way to

W. C. REICK,

(Signed)

JAMES M. BECK,

CLARENCE J. SHEARN

office.

In the same month the Baltimore American, which had previously made 3, of the by-laws of said association, like contract with the undersigned, was notified by the general manager of the Associated Press that either the Baltimore American would have to discontinue its wire service with the undersigned or it would lose its press franchise.

In January, 1910, the Washington Post, by letter dated January 15, 1910. notified the undersigned that by reason of "a conflict with the by-laws of the Associated Press," it was necesary for the said Washington Post "to remove the wire from the news department of at other times, it applied for the its newspaper," meaning thereby the news service of said corporation for special wire by which the Washington special wire by which the Washington Post received the news from the under signed.

The undersigned believes and avers that some time in the fall of 1909 the ciation to those to whom it renders the said Associated Press determined to make a more aggressive attack to destroy the competition existing between it and the news bureau maintained by the undersigned, and so far as possible services. A copy of said correspondence it procured the name of every news-is hereto appended and marked Exchased news from the undersigned, and thereupon sent to such newspapers as then owned an existing franchise of the Associated Press a notice that any busito it as to other leading newspapers ness relation between it and the under- pelling its members to remove THE SUN'S signed, with reference to the purchase, attempt to secure a monopoly in the sale, transmission and collection of news, was against the laws of the Assoto blacklist and boycott the under-ciated Press and would subject such the Associated Press has been guilty of signed, not with a view of inducing it offending member to the loss of its franchise and expulsion. The undersigned further avers that

> with its obvious and necessary destruction of interstate commerce in the physical transmission by telegraph of for publication at this time, but some de news as a purchasable commodity is not hezitate to give their views. One of still existent and, as an illustrative in- the latter was Representative Joseph Tagstance, the undersigned further avers gert of Kansas, a Democrat, who is a that in March, 1913, it sought to member of the House Judiciary Commitmake an arrangement with the tee, now engaged in framing anti-trust Chicago Inter Ocean for the pur-legislation. He said that The Sun's com-chase and sale of news, the same to be plaint seemed to show a flagrant instance transmitted through the channels of interstate commerce by wire. In order to enable the Chicago Inter Ocean, which was sincerely desirous of doing this, to do so, it being a member of the Associated Press, it' submitted the proposition to the controlling body of the Associated Press and were advised that under the rules of the Associated Press it was impossible to make the ar rangement with the undersigned.

this persistent blacklist and boycott,

Many additional instances could be given of these acts of oppression and unfair competition. Many doubtless exist which, in the nature of the case, are not brought to the knowledge of the undersigned and which it only feels in the loss of its customers and the destruction of its profits; but the undersigned verily believes and therefore avers that a further examination either by your department on its own initiative or through judicial proceedings in a court of law will develop the fact above stated, namely, that the Associated Press has for many years sought to destroy its only substantial competitor and thus to secure a monopoly in the collection, purchase, sale and distribution of news.

The further continuance of these acts of oppression and restraint will result, as they have resulted, in great damage to the undersigned, for which no adequate remedy exists by private action at law.

XI.

THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND THE In 1894 the Chicago Tribune desired FREE TRANSMISSION OF NEWS. Apart from the public policy which forbids the monopolization of any part of commerce or any obstruction to the channels of interstate communication, it is especially prejudicial to the public weffare that the news of the world should be standardized by one association, through which alone the happenings of the world can, if it shall hereafter secure a complete monopoly, reach the citizen.

Our constitutional system is based upon the freedom of the press and to this end the great organs of public opinion should be given every facility to resent all of the news, and a monopoly which seeks to shape and control the which seeks to shape and control the news into one standard form and that form determined by its governing body the world by the Associated Press can be changed. It is obviously a monopoly hereto appended and marked Exhibit form determined by its governing body through its executive officers is a changed. It is obviously a monopoly describing the description of a similar notice to the paper press of the country has been the description of the country has been the description of the country has been the description of paper press of the country has been compelled to print only such news as the compelled to print only such news as the control of the said Associated Press sees fit to transmit to its several members, and it has been for many years a matter of complaint that by such control of the news, partial, unfair and partisan statepaper press of the country has been news, partial, unfair and partisan statements have been given to the public at

Even if the Associated Press has not thus abused, as so many citizens have believed and openly charged, its dominating power over the transmission of nating power over the transmission of the power over the transmission of the continue to sell news and purchase news from the New York Sun they will be subject to punish-Even if the Associated Press has not intelligence, yet it is prejudicial to the public welfare that it should be within its power to determine in what form and to what extent the news of the world shall be given from day to day to the average citizen.

XII. CONCLUDING ALLEGATION AND APPLICATION.

With a full appreciation of the gravity of the charge, the under-signed, by reason of the premises, hereby charges that the said Associated Press has attempted for many years and is now attempting to monopolize and has to a large extent monopolized the said business of gathering the news of the world, reducing it to literary fight against such practices, and if the matter ever comes up in Congress I shall State for publication, and that it therefore constitutes an illegal combination under the act of July 1, 1890, whereby the trade and commerce between the States and between this country and foreign nations has been restrained and

monopolized and competition therein affectively and illegally prevented.

Even if the within recital of facts the public welfare that the United States, through the Attorney-General, should submit the whole question to the mpartial arbitrament of a court of jus-

tios.
The undersigned therefore requirement that you consider the matter he

TICKET SPECULATORS FINED.

Four Caught in Roundup-One Jumps His Bail.

Theatre ticket speculators have become so persistent recently in their operations in West Forty-second street that Police Inspector Gillen sent several of his detectives out Saturday night with orders to clean up the street. After four ar-rests had been made the others ceased

Charles Levy, a salesman of 13t West 111th street, was arrested by Detective Glantz in front of the Eltinge Theatre. When his case was called yesterday morning in Jefferson Market police court the defendant failed to answer. He was out in \$500 bail. Magistrate Freschi ordered

in \$500 bail. Magistrate Freschi ordered the bond forfeited and instructed the detective to rearrest Levy.
Frank Jones of 113 West Ninety-eighth street and Benjamin Jones of 248 West Forty-third street were arrested while offering tickets for sale in front of the Liberty and Eltinge theatrer. They were each fined \$5. Joseph Cuneo of 218 West Thirty-eightis street, who was arrested in front of the Liberty Theatre by Detective Watson, had been more persistent in his efforts than the others, and was fined \$10.

SAYS DR. AKED LACKS SOUL.

Presbyterian Clergyman Makes Attack on Higher Criticism.

At the Madison Avenue Reformed Church yesterday the Rev. Dr. Mark A. Matthews of Seattle, a Presbyterian, attacked the higher criticism in severe terms. Asked after the service if he intended what he said for Dr. Charles F. Aked of San Francisco he replied: THE SUN'S contention that the gathering terstate commerce within the meaning of the present anti-trust law. Others who Yes. are not certain on this point believe that

"Yes."

In his sermon Dr. Matthews said:

"I have not much use for a religion that never gets deeper than brains. Critics of spiritual truths use their brains. They are big perhaps, but they are not hearts, not spirits, not souls. How can men explain spiritual things when they are ignorant of spiritual things? Yet some do it, and behold the mess they make of it."

## MAY FORCE INSURANCE exercised by the Associated Press in com-FIRMS TO INSPECT RISKS

a violation of the Sherman anti-trust State Fire Marshal Ahearn Also Urges Other Laws to Protect Public.

> ALBANT, Feb. 15 .- Legislation to com pel insurance companies to inspect all property and contents offered for insur-ance and to investigate the character of the applicant for a policy is urged in the annual report of State Fire Marshal Thomas J. Ahearn, which will be sub-mitted to the Legislature to-morrow

night.

Bills providing for the standardisation of fire couplings, introduction of the high of fire couplings, introduction of the high of fire couplings. Associated Press in my own State," said pressure system in municipalities, instruction in fire prevention in schools, the repeal of conflicting statutes which now divide jurisdiction over fire fighting apparatus, the enforcement of fire regulations between the Labor Department and the State Fire Marshal and the requirement of a certificate of fitness from all persons using explosives for blasting purposes are also urged.

"I also believe," states the Fire Marshal, "that an amendment should be made to the Penal Law making criminal carelessness or culpable negligence resulting in loss of life or damage to property from fire another degree of arson or a FEATURE FILMS COMING HERE. pressure system in municipalities, instruc "Although I am a lawyer I cannot feel sure that the complaint of THE SUN If it does not, then I should suggest that this law be amended to include the accessary authority for the Government to proceed against such a distasteful monopoly. "News is something substantial. It can be bought, sold and exchanged. It is an article of commerce. Telegraph wires and the mails are simply means of transportation. It would correct many wrongs if the Interstate Commerce Commission should supervise this interstate exchange. Certainly that commission could stop the

from fire another degree of arson or a nisdemeanor. I believe this will have the effect of reducing the number of fires now caused by sheer carelessness." issued orders

"That the board of directors of the Associated Press should attempt to dictate throughout the State for fire escapes on from whom and to whom the absociation's buildings, automatic sprinklers, standard members should buy and sell their own fire hose and other means of fire protection

from whom and to whom the absociation's members should buy and sell their own personally owned stock in trade—that is, news—is almost beyond conception. The Sun's complaint, however, seems to indicate that this situation exists. If the present law has not sufficient scope to remedy the situation t shall warmly support any legislation state.

tion anti-trust law. The Associated Press has long held control of the news commodity of this country. It delivers its news to about whatever papers it pleases and slimply because it is a cooperative, nonmoney making institution it can hardly claim the right of exemption from the spirit and letter of a law which was entacted to prevent just such efforts in the treatment of trade. News is as much an article of commerce as oil or sugar or coal. It is as widely needed if the welfare of the Attorney-General should rule that the complaint cannot be numbered and this nation is in such a state of civilization that it is as widely needed if the welfare of the Attorney-General should rule that the complaint cannot be numbered and defective comment of the metropolitan distribution from the span in 1912. Among the vice Trust."

The company will have the exclusive booking of Weber's Theatre for ten weeks upor the conduction that the sample of the sample of the country. It delivers its news to about whatever papers it pleases and span in 1912. Among the consumed state that the complaint cannot be against \$1,000 in 1912. Among the contents and accepts using the conclusion there of "Smashing the Vice Trust."

The company will have the exclusive booking the conduction of tense were of this country. It delivers its news to about whatever papers it pleases and sample of the control of the news commodity of the events are result of careless use against \$1,000 in 1912. Among the vice Trust."

The company will have the exclusive booking the convenience of "Smashing the Vice Trust."

The company will also from the similar policy with a new company that has acquired possession of the old Metropolitan skating rink on Broadway at Fifty-second street. The rink is now being transformed into a large number of private books will be built.

Rochester, N. H., Feb. 15.—Metropolitan distribution in the immediate future. By an arrang ment company will have the exclusive booking to fivuction the content of the control of the control of the count

against forty-six in 1912, and twentyfive convictions in 1913, as against nineteen in the year 1912.

Celebrates 102d Birthday.

Rochester, N. H., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Ruth
Hartford has just celebrated the 102d
anniversary of her birth at her home
here. She is in good health and spirits
and enjoys remarkable faculties. Her
recollections of persons and events of
nearly a century ago are highly entertaining as she relates them. Her ancestors
came to this country in the Mayflower.
When she was two years old, Ezekiel
Tebbetts, her father, salled in the ship Marssent out by the Government to protect the
coast, but neither vessel nor crew was
ever heard from.

Installed. A large number of private
boxes will be built.

Both theatre and rink will be operated
and advertised as any high grade theatre
presenting legitimate dramatic productions.
The minimum price of admission at
Weber's will be 25 cents. At the rink
the prices will be ligher.
The opening attraction at the rink, which
should be ready for its premiere in four or
five weeks, will be a feature called "Dope,"
now being produced by the Thanhousee
company. The cast will include Herman
Lieb, Laura Nelson Hall, Ernest Truax,
Christine Blessing, William H. Tooker and
Gaston Mervale.
The final advertised as any high grade theatre
presenting legitimate dramatic productions.
The minimum price of admission at
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## **GLYNN ASKED TO URGE CHANGES IN PRIMARY**

National Democratic Club Sends Delegation to Confer With Governor.

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Petition Requests Primary Election and Registration on Same Day.

The primary law committee of the National Democratic Club will go to Albany on the Empire State Express this morning to confer with Gov. Glynn in regard to the amendments the club wishes to have made to the new primary law. Edwin F. O'Dwyer, president of the club and ex officio member of the committee, will make the trip. The appointment has been arranged with the Governor for noon.

"The primary law committee of the National Democratic Club," announced Judge O'Dwyer last night, "will see Gov. Glynn to-morrow at noon, and will present to him a petition requesting a special message to the Legislature on legislation to advocate certain amendments to the primary law.

"The amendments were first embodies in a resolution adopted unanimously by the National Democratic Club at its last quarterly meeting and are similar to cer-tain provisions in the New Jersey primary law that were strongly advocated by President Wilson as Governor of New Jersey. The principal Innovation is to hold registration and primary election on

hold registration and primary election on the same day."

The committee that will go to Albany includes besides Judge O'Dwyer the following: Alexander Konta, chairman; Theodore W. Meyers, John W. Cox, Henry Gallagher, John H. Jasper, John R. Dunlap, Magistrate Daniel F. Murphy, Thomas L. Feitner and Joseph Rowan.

The petition to be presented to the Governor contains the resolution adopted at the National Democratic Club at the meeting in which a call was made on Charles F. Murphy to resign as leader of Tanumany Hail. It recites the objections against the amendments to the primary law, and argues that those objections are of little value. jections are of little value

The petition argues also that the amend-ments called for have proved satisfactory In New Jersey. In regard to the conten-tion that New Jersey does not have so great a population to the square mile as New York, the petition contends that such is not the case.

"We look to your Excellency," says the petition, "as the leader of the party in this State and we are proud of your administration and believe that your Ex-cellency's great opportunity for further good in your high office will be fully taken

FEATURE FILMS COMING HERE. Big Company Prepares to Invade Metropolitan District.

The Continental Feature Film Company, which is devoted to the distributlon, booking and exploitation of feat-An interesting part of the report is that on water supply and fire fighting apparatus, over which jurisdiction is now lodged with the State Fire Marshal. He advocates the establishment of a special button, booking and exploitation of features made by the producing films of the Mutual Film Company, announced yesterday that it would begin wide activities the metropolitan district in the immediate future. By an arrangement complainty will have the exclusive booking of Weber's Theatre for ten weeks upon

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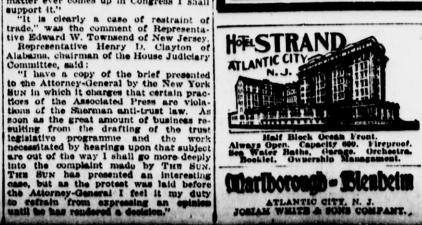
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